

Amendments to the Specification

Please update the Cross-Reference to Related Application paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/900,343 filed July 3, 2001, now allowed issued September 9, 2003 as U.S. Pat. No. 6,617,285 B2.

Please amend paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] It will be appreciated that derivatives of these relatively simple polyols will also find use in the inventive methods and compositions. Suitable derivatives include, but are not necessarily limited to, acid, acid salt, alcohol, alkyl, and amine derivatives of these saccharides, and mixtures of polyols and/or the derivatives thereof. Specific examples of suitable derivatives include, but ~~are~~are not necessarily limited to, alkyl glucosides, alkyl polyglucosides, alkyl glucosamides, alkyl glucosamines, alkyl sorbitans, alkyl sorbitols, alkyl glucopyranosides, alkyl maltosides, alkyl glycerols and mixtures thereof.